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Date

School

Teacher

Address

City State Zip

Dear Mrs. _____ :

_____ County Right to Life is pleased to announce our ___th annual **Oratory Contest for High School Students**. This event involves researching, writing, and presenting a speech on topics relating to the human life issues of abortion, euthanasia, stem cell research or infanticide. A panel of judges comprised of local political, educational, and community leaders will listen and judge each contestant based on preparation, content and presentation. **Our contest will be held at __:00 p.m. on DATE at LOCATION.**

As you can imagine, students who participate will benefit in several important ways. In addition to developing public speaking and leadership ability, students will practice research and writing skills, learn more about critical current issues and enjoy an opportunity to educate others. **These aspects of the contest make it well suited for consideration as a class assignment or extra credit project.**

Additionally, the top three speakers will receive prizes and the winner will be invited to compete for cash prizes at the state competition held in Nashville at Aquinas College on May 2, 2009. From there, a winner will be selected to compete in this summer's national competition which will be held in Charlotte on June 20th during the NRLC Convention.

I hope that you will encourage your students to participate in this worthwhile effort. Upon receipt of the student's application form, we will contact them with further details. While the enclosed materials will be helpful in promoting this event, we are happy to make presentations to schools and classrooms for the purposes of promoting involvement in the 2009 Oratory Contest. Additionally, posters are available for your use.

Thank you for your important work and your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need further information.

Sincerely,

Name

Title

Organization

Enclosures

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CHURCH
PASTOR
ADDRESS
CITY, STATE ZIP

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Dear Youth Worker:

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Tennessee Right to Life Announces ___th Annual High School Oratory Contest

The ___ Annual High School Oratory Contest will be held on DATE in LOCATION and we are looking for your support to help make this year's local COUNTY CHAPTER contest the most successful ever!

Please join other local businesses in participating in this worthwhile educational experience for our future leaders. The program is open to all students in grades 9-12 to research and present a 5-7 minute speech on the life issues of abortion, infanticide, stem cell research or euthanasia.

Over \$2,000 in cash prizes are awarded to state and national placement winners, and the winner of the Tennessee State Contest will also receive an expense paid trip to participate in the National Contest.

Your corporate sponsorship will be used to defray the expenses of this event. Thank you for helping us to continue this positive program for today's youth!

Sincerely,

Officer
_____ County Right to Life



PO Box 110765
Nashville, TN 37222



Yes!

We will support the 2009 Oratory Contest!

Enclosed is my gift of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 \$_____

Form of Payment (please choose one option)

_____ My check is enclosed (payable to TN Right to Life Ed Fund)

_____ I wish to give by ___ Visa ___ MasterCard

Account #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Sponsorship checks payable to Tennessee Right to Life Education Fund are tax deductible.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 18, 2008

Contact: Nancy Wike
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Tennessee Right to Life's Pro-Life Oratory Contest Among Nation's Largest

Tennessee Right to Life held its 9th annual Pro-Life Oratory Contest on Saturday, June 14, at Aquinas College in Nashville. More than 115 public, private, and home-schooled students in grades 9-12 participated in 30 Right to Life County Chapter Contests across Tennessee. Each participant was required to research, write, and present an original five to seven minute pro-life speech - using factual and current information – on abortion, infanticide, embryonic stem cell research, or euthanasia.

Joseph Riley, a junior from Etowah, placed first in the contest and will compete on July 5th in the annual National Right to Life Oratory Contest, to be held during the National Right to Life Convention in Washington, D.C., July 3rd-5th. As a first place winner, Mr. Riley, representing McMinn County Right to Life Chapter, received a \$500 award and will have the opportunity to attend the National Teens for Life Convention or the National Right to Life Convention, which runs concurrently.

Adam Smith from Lewis County placed second in the contest and received a \$250 award. Courtney Tuggle from Rutherford County received \$100 for third place. Jordan Kelly from Coffee County received \$50 as the fourth place winner.

Aquinas College hosted the event for the fifth year in a row and provided \$5,000 in scholarships for the finalists.

Bott Radio Network was also a sponsor of the contest and Nashville Area Manager Randy Uselton served as a judge. "It was a great encouragement for me to hear those kids and to know their hearts are for life," Uselton stated.

"This is my fourth year as a judge and each year I am impressed with the quality of the preparation on behalf of the students," Nashville Right to Life board member Lynn Chaffin said. "They address difficult topics with intelligence and wit."

"All of the students did so well," stated Stormy Mitchell, President of The Mitchell Group, a Christian Speakers and Artist Booking Agency. "The judges had a tough decision in trying to rank so many well written and presented speeches. We congratulate the winners and look forward to next year's competition."